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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore - 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 1.894 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 12 & 13 of Uttarahalli-Manavarthe (U.M) Kavalu, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore Urban Division and District for rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing road to 2-lane with paved shoulders/ 4 lane configuration from Km 438.475 (proposed Km 435.250) Harohalli to 461.550 (proposed Km 458.0875) in favour of the Project Director, PIU, National Highways Authority of India, Basavanapura (Ramadevarapada) Ramanagara - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 58 FLL 2018 dated 15/11/2018 and 04/07/2019 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 22nd July, 2019. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 58 FLL 2018 (e) dated 14/06/2022 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.894 ha. of forest land in Sy No. 12 & 13 of Uttarahalli-Manavarthe (U.M) Kavalu, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore Urban Division and District for rehabilitation and upgrading of the existing road to 2-lane with paved shoulders/ 4 lane configuration from Km 438.475 (proposed Km 435.250) Harohalli to 461.550 (proposed Km 458.0875) in favour of the Project Director, PIU, National Highways Authority of India, Basavanapura (Ramadevarapada) Ramanagara, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

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3. Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over an extent of 4.0 ha. of degraded forest land in Sy.No. 182 of Marenahalli village of Marasandra RF in Jala Hobli-3, Bengaluru, North taluk (Yelhanka), Bangalore Urban District shall be raised within three years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. The Compensatory Afforestation area shall be provided with Chain link fencing for better survival of plantation. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation, if any.
4. Suitable SMC works, 200 mts on either side of the road, in forest area shall be undertaken at the cost of User Agency by the State Forest Department.
5. The additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated Adhoc CAMPA Account.
6. Mitigation Plan as approved by the CWLW shall be implemented strictly by the User Agency at their cost on priority basis.
7. Suitable signages for speed regulation and animal safety will be erected along the road through forest areas.
8. The User Agency / concessionaire at their cost shall take up strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms, wherever possible in consultation with State Forest Department as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No FC-11/39/2020-FC dated 08/09/2021.
9. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
10. The KML file of the area diverted, SMC works and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
11. The User agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
14. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
15. No additional or new permanent paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

16. The forest area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.894 ha.
17. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
18. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
19. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
20. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
21. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
22. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
23. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

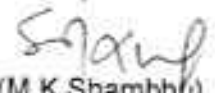


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Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Project Director, Project implementation Unit, National Highways Authority of India, Basavanapura, Ramadevarapada, Ramnagara – 562 128 (Karnataka).
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